Ute Mixed-Bloods Get Big Payments, Plan Independence

Monday was payday for the Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah on the Uintah-Ouray reservation Payments of up to $4,500 per capita will be given as part of the plan to make the mixed-blood Utes independent and no longer wards of the federal government.

Some 490 individuals are eligible to receive this money if they do not already owe money to the tribe. They have the opportunity to purchase land or property which has been assigned to them.

During the past several weeks heads of families have been filling out questionnaires to determine their status for receiving the money.

Arrangements are being made to take care of the money going to minors and it will be available for educational purposes or medical expenses, said Mrs. Lula Murdock, president of the Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah.